

The New Alpine Library

Frequently Asked Questions



The new Alpine Library is the County of San Diego's first zero net energy building. Using state of the art technology, it offers the community more services and more hours in a building that is 4 times the size of the current facility. The new library will open on May 17, 2016, with a Grand Opening to be held on May 21, 2016. It will offer a host of services that empower and educate the community, including storytime everyday, programs for all ages, and free access to a network of 42 million books, DVD movies, and music CDs.

Where is the new library located?

The new library will be located at 1752 Alpine Blvd. adjacent to the Alpine Community Center. The Alpine Community Center sold a portion of their property, including parking lots, to the County to construct the new Library.

What are some of the features of the new library?

- A large Children's area featuring new books for kids and spaces for storytimes, crafts, and early literacy activities
- Teen & Tween spaces that will feature new books and study areas.
- A Homework Center where kids and teens can receive tutoring and work together on class assignments
- Comfortable lounge seating throughout the building, and quiet study rooms for individuals and small groups
- Resource Room where programs and exhibits can be showcased
- Friends of the Library bookstore

What are some of the technological features of the new library?

- 13 public internet computers that are available whenever the library is open
- Computer lab, and free wireless internet access for laptop users
- Automated book check-out, giving customers the ability to check out their favorite titles quickly and efficiently
- Automated book returns with a receipt for the customer
- A MakerBot 3D printer
- A color printer/copier

What are the sustainability aspects of the new library?

The new Alpine Library is the County of San Diego's first zero net energy build. This means that the energy needed to operate the branch is completely offset by the energy harvested and saved through sustainability aspects. Aspects include:

- Architectural design with northerly facing windows
- Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) cooling system with a Dedicated Outdoor Air System (DOAS)
- LED lighting
- Photovoltaic system on the roof

In addition, the County is committed to replacing all significant trees removed during construction with two new trees planted upon project completion. The trees being removed will also be used as mulch to support the new trees.

How were the architect and contractor chosen to design and build the new library?

The new library, built using the Design-Build model. Nine teams submitted Design-Build Statements of Qualifications which were evaluated and ranked, and the three highest ranking teams went on to the second part of the process, the Request for Proposals. The best value Design-Build proposal was awarded the contract in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Who is the Design-Build Team?

C.W. Driver, Ferguson Pape Baldwin Architects, and architect Manuel Oncina were selected.

How is the project being funded?

This project is funded by the County of San Diego with local contributions through the Alpine Library Friends Association for furniture, fixtures, and equipment.

Will adequate parking be provided?

Yes, the project includes 37 parking spaces for the library, including 2 ADA spots.

Was there input from the community?

SDCL has a history of developing new libraries that represent the spirit and culture of the communities they serve. In Alpine, community input was gathered and included in the Request for Proposals to design and build the new library. The architect will present the proposed new library design at a community meeting in Alpine.

How else can I be involved?

The Alpine Library Friends Association is working hard to raise \$720,000 for the new library's furniture, fixtures, and equipment, plus an Opening Day Collection (new books, movies, and music CDs) and future programs. A donation to the Friends can help build the best library possible for the Alpine community. Visit www.alpinelibraryfriends.org for more information.

Have there been other large-scale library construction projects like this recently?

Yes, SDCL has built 9 new libraries in the past 9 years. We partner with public, private, and non-profit sectors in order to develop innovative and sustainable branch libraries. SDCL builds award-winning libraries, including a recent People's Choice Orchid Award from the San Diego Architectural Foundation for the Fallbrook Library and multiple building features in *Library Journal* and *American Libraries* magazine.